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Mr. Bharat Mathur  
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region V  
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Re: Request to Parallel Process the Draft  
Redesignation Petition and Maintenance  
Plan for Sulfur Dioxide Attainment in  
Lake County, Indiana

Dear Mr. Mathur:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has prepared a Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for Lake County, Indiana, in reference to the sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) air quality standard, attached hereto. IDEM hereby requests the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to parallel process this draft submittal.

The attached draft Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan consists of the following:

- This document requests that the Lake County SO<sub>2</sub> nonattainment area be redesignated to attainment and classified as maintenance. It contains and meets the requirements set forth in Section 107 of the Clean Air Act and in the U.S. EPA Redesignation Guidance issued September 4, 1992.
- The plan provides SO<sub>2</sub> emission projections in Lake County for 2015.
- The appendices contain historic trend data, projected emission inventory data and thorough documentation of the modeling analysis.



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On April 8, 2005, IDEM submitted a request for parallel processing of a State Implementation Plan submittal for rules concerning Lake County Sulfur Dioxide Limitations. This submittal included supporting documentation for the rule and a detailed modeling analysis. The final rule will become effective in Indiana on June 24, 2005, and will be published in the Indiana Register on July 1, 2005. At that time, the official version of the rule and signature page from promulgation of the rule will be sent to U.S. EPA.

The draft documents with this request are available for public review and IDEM is accepting comments through July 29, 2005. A public hearing concerning the draft is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 26, 2005, in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Business, Science & Administration Building at Ivy Tech State College, 1440 East 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gary, Indiana. IDEM intends to submit the final draft of the Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan to U.S. EPA by August 9, 2005.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Christine Pedersen, Air Programs Branch at (317)233-6868.

Sincerely,



Thomas W. Easterly  
Commissioner

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Attachments

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